

Finding Aid of 33MSS-113: First and Citizens National Bank Minute Book, 1933-1969

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Outer Banks History Center, Manteo, N.C.

Creator: First and Citizen National Bank (Elizabeth City, N.C.)

Title: 33MSS-113, First and Citizens National Bank Minute Book, 1933-1969

Language of Materials: English

Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please contact the Outer Banks History Center, www.obhistorycenter.net.

Abstract:

Due to its location, growth in trade, and ability to supply retail stores throughout the eastern Albemarle area, Elizabeth City, North Carolina was able to open two new banks in the 1890s – the First National Bank in 1891, and the Citizen's Bank in 1899. These two financial institutions greatly expanded banking practices in the area and strengthened their positions by merging in 1918.

This collection consists of a single minute book and includes records of the history of the bank, its directors, administrators, board members, and stockholders. It shows a record of loan approvals and rejections.

Extent: 1 minute book and 1 folder of reports, resolutions, correspondence

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions: Available for research.

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Biographical/Historical Note:

In 1891 and 1899 respectively, two banks, the First National and the Citizen's Bank were organized in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The two were able to provide increased banking services to the eastern Albemarle region which grew significantly following the Civil War. With steam ships and the railroad, Elizabeth City had the prime location for trade to northern cities. To strengthen and consolidate their influence, First National and the Citizen's Bank merged in 1918.

Many prominent Elizabeth City families were stockholders and members of the First National and Citizen's Bank's board of directors. Names such as Robinson, Wood, Flora, White, Gaither, Houtz, Kramer, Griffin, Blades, Foreman, Clark, Daniels, and Johnson are mentioned frequently throughout the minute book.

In 1966, executive vice president W. Edward Griffin retired from the bank and it merged with First Union Bank of North Carolina in 1968. The Robinson family led the bank until this merger.

Collection Overview:

This minute book provides a view of the growth of Elizabeth City, North Carolina during the early and mid-20th century. Business banking practices throughout the eastern Albemarle are easy to research, such as loans made to new fledgling businesses as well as old established ones, bond purchases, and usage. The minute book also provides an excellent picture of banking practices during the Depression and subsequent recovery as well as banking practices during World War II.

Collection Arrangement: The minute book is arranged chronologically.

Online Catalog Headings:

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

Subject Terms

Banks and banking — North Carolina—Elizabeth City
First and Citizens National Bank (Elizabeth City, N.C.)

Geographic Term

Elizabeth City (N.C.)

Related Collections: Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS)
<http://www.ncarchives.dcr.state.nc.us>.

Container List:

- 1:1:1 Finding aid
- 1:2:1 Minute book
- 1:3:1 Folder of reports, resolutions, correspondence